



Figure 32 – San Luis Hills

SAN LUIS HILLS



Photo Point SL3 – From N Looking SE
Toward Sangre de Cristo Range



Photo Point SL1 – From S Looking E



Photo Point SL2 – From S Looking N

**Form 1 – Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings
from Previous Inventory on Record**

(1) Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

No _____ (Go to Form 2) **Yes** **X** (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas):

a) Inventory Source: 1980 BLM Colorado Intensive Wilderness Inventory

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s): San Luis Hills CO-050-141

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s): San Luis Hills, p.308 1980 Inventory

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s): Cañon City District, San Luis Resource Area

(2) BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source: 1980 BLM Colorado Intensive Wilderness Inventory.

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No
CO-050-141	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Form 2 - Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: San Luis Hills CO-050-141

Acreage: 10,784 (represents the existing San Luis Hills WSA, which includes nearly all BLM lands in the Colorado Wilderness Network proposal (Colorado's Canyon Country Wilderness Proposal), and primarily excludes a section of State land included in the Citizen Wilderness Proposal not analyzed by BLM.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below)

Yes ☒ No ☐

Description (describe the boundaries of the area – wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

Same as the original 1980 inventory.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Note: If “No” is checked, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “NA” for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

Same as the original 1980 inventory.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description (describe the area’s outstanding opportunities for solitude):

Same as the original 1980 inventory.

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Note: If “No” is checked for both 3 and 4, the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check “NA” for question 5.

Description (describe the area’s outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

Same as the original 1980 inventory.

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value)?

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Description:

Same as the original 1980 inventory.

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS*

Area Unique Identifier: San Luis Hills CO-050-141

Results of analysis:

Of the 10,784 acres analyzed, 10,784 acres have wilderness characteristics.

The San Luis Hills unit was originally evaluated in the 1980 BLM Colorado Intensive Wilderness Inventory and was found to possess wilderness characteristics at that time and was recommended as a Wilderness Study Area, which it remains to this day. BLM manages and monitors to preserve the wilderness character of the San Luis Hills WSA in accordance with the Interim Management Policy for Lands under Wilderness Review (H-8550-1), until Congress either designates the WSA as wilderness or releases it for other uses.

1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. Does the area appear to be natural? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
4. Does the area have supplemental values? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Check one:

☒ The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

☐ The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

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